



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: RAYBORN, Jerry  
Serial No.: 10/667,317  
Filed: September 23, 2003  
Title: DRILLING FLUID ADDITIVE SYSTEM CONTAINING  
GRAPHITE AND CARRIER  
Examiner: Tucker, Philip Art Unit: 1712  
Docket: P-0039US

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION:**

In view of the Official Action dated September 9, 2005, the Applicant is responding as follows: